

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claim status

Claims 1-3, 5-16 and 18-20 were previously pending in this application. Claims 10-16, 18 and 19 are cancelled; leaving claims 1-3, 5-9 and 20 for consideration. Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-3, 5-9 and 20 are allowed.

Election of Species requirement

Claims 10-16, 18 and 19 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected species.

In order to be fully responsive to the Official Action, responsive to the election of species requirement, applicant elects species I, claims 10-13, 18 and 19, drawn to a tensioning tool, without traverse. However, in order to place the application in immediate condition for allowance, as noted above claims 10-13, 18 and 19 are cancelled herewith rendering moot the election of species requirement.

Conclusion

As the claims remaining in the application are indicated as allowed and as there is believed to be no

outstanding formal matters, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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